Mountain Weather Forecast

South Grampian and Southeast Highlands

Including South and East Cairngorms National Park, Aberdeenshire and Angus Hills, Ben Vrackie, Ben Lawers, Loch Tay and Ochils
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Wednesday 13 Dec 2023 until 23:59 on Thursday 14 Dec 2023

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 13 Dec 2023 at 05:17 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High

Headline for Wednesday 13 Dec 2023: Early rain and snow in east otherwise dry and increasingly bright with some sunshine.

Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 13 Dec 2023

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
Low Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Low Likelihood

Poor visibility
Low Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
FOG				FOG	
Fog	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Fog	Cloudy
Precipitation probability					
20%	10%	<05%	<05%	00%	20%

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Weather: Rather cloudy at first with scattered snow showers, rain below 600m, but becoming mainly dry with clearing skies around Ben Lawers and the west by dawn. Any lower cloud across the Aberdeenshire and Angus hills will soon clear to leave the day mainly dry and bright with some weak winter sunshine. Some patchy rain and snow possible in the west by midnight.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 70%

Low Cloud and visibility: Occasional or extensive cloud overnight and early morning, base 600 to 900m, lifting and clearing during the morning. Visibility mostly very good or excellent, but moderate to very poor in early rain, snow and low cloud.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1100	15/17 E	15/17 E	6/9 SE	11/13 S	20/28 S	35/44 S	43/55 S
900	10/12 E	10/12 E	5/7 SE	11/13 S	16/24 S	25/34 S	31/42 S
600	3/6 E	5/8 E	2/4 S	5/7 S	13/22 S	19/33 S	24/42 S
300	5/10 NE	3/8 NE	1/2 W	2/7 SW	4/11 SW	3/8 W	6/18 SW
Glen	5/12 NE	3/8 NE	2/3 SW	2/5 SW	3/8 W	6/18 SW	9/22 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1100	-2/-9	-3/-9	-3/-7	-3/-8	-4/-11	-4/-14	-3/-14
900	-1/-6	-1/-6	-1/-4	-1/-6	-2/-8	-2/-10	-2/-10
600	0/-2	0/-2	0/-1	-1/-4	-0/-6	-0/-7	0/-7
300	2/0	2/1	3/2	0/-1	-1/-4	-0/-2	2/-1
Glen	3/1	3/2	4/2	1/-0	0/-2	1/-2	3/-1
Freezing Level*	600m	700m	500m	500m	300m	300m	500m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Note strengthening winds during the evening.

Forecast for Thursday 14 Dec 2023
Weather: Overnight rain and snow, the snow soon becoming confined to the highest summits. Bright spells and scattered showers during daylight hours, the showers wintry at times over the highest summits. Few if any showers across the Aberdeenshire and Angus hills. The odd shower continuing in the west through the evening. Windy with summit gales and significant wind chill.

Maximum wind: West or Southwest 30 to 35mph gusts 50mph.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 70%

Low Cloud and visibility: Occasional or scattered cloud, base 700 to 1000m. Visibility very good falling moderate to very poor in showers and cloud.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 3 to 9 Celsius
At 800m: Minus 1 Celsius rising to Plus 3 Celsius
Freezing level: Well down at first, but soon rising near or above the summits.

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